

Babson Urges Negroes To Save for Postwar Era

Economist Wonders What Will Happen To Workers Who Throw Money Away

By ROGER W. BABSON
BABSON PARK, Fla., March 18.—Does it ever occur to you what would happen to our country if all the people—white and colored—acted as so many of your colored people act? We would lose the war and we all, including you, would be slaves of the Germans or Japanese. Your attitude simply does not make sense from any point of view. Therefore, as a friend, I beg of you all to get all the work you can get; work as faithfully as you can; and save, save, save!

Let me prove that colored boys have just as good an opportunity to succeed as white boys. A few years ago Webber College at Babson Park, Fla., employed colored boys in the kitchen. Among them was one named James Paul Goss. The dean noticed that, whereas all the others went to the movies or shot craps in the evening, James practiced for hours to learn typing. When the summer vacation came, he begged me to take him North and get him a job in an office. This I did. It was James' first opportunity. James did so well that I brought him back to Florida in the fall. That winter he typed all my newspaper columns. In March, 1942, he was drafted. One day an officer asked if anyone of the men could type. James held up his hand. Then he was given his second opportunity. He has not held a gun since that day. He graduated in her will said of her brother, "he does not need my help."

James became a corporal, a sergeant, a second, and then a first lieutenant. He now is a captain with savings of \$5,000 in bank and life insurance values. When one of his colored friends was asked why James got on so well he replied: "Well, you know, James does not drink or smoke; he works and saves and reads his Bible every day." Last week, James was given his third opportunity at Camp Springs Army Air Field, Washington.

Mammy Includes Her White Charges In Her Modest Will

MONTGOMERY, Ala.—(P)—An old Negress in her 80s died recently leaving a will which included bequests to four white children she helped raise working as a nurse. The sum of \$10 each, was left three sons and a daughter of Mrs. Jane A. Marks. One son has been killed in an Army plane crash.

Present high wages cannot continue. Many of you will be out of employment after the war. Millions of war workers will be discharged and—although it will be unjust—you will be discharged first. Therefore, you should save up money NOW to help you in these hard days ahead. Most white workers are now doing this.

Why So Lazy?

Some of you foolishly refuse to work if you have a little cash in your pockets. This applies to great strong men and women as well as to our young people. Too many of you seem to have no regard for the needs of the country in this crucial hour. You are citizens as well as the white workers. You claim you are not treated right. I do not agree to this; but if it is true, it is because so many of you are lazy and wasteful.

I am writing this in the South where I have worked with colored people for 20 winters. I have fought for you and got you out of jail when the sheriff unjustly arrested you. I know your good points and weak points; but I never before saw you in the lazy, wasteful and saucy moods that some of you put on today. From letters which I get, I fear you are behaving worse in the North than you are here in the South.

Don't Depend Upon Aunt Eleanor

Many of you say, "Aunt Eleanor will take care of me after the war." Perhaps Aunt Eleanor will not be the President's wife after the war! President Roosevelt may not be re-elected. Besides, even Mrs. Roosevelt is getting out of patience with you. She is beginning to wonder if she may not have made a mistake in praising you as she did. It is true that white workers strike when they shouldn't, but they are not lazy. Do they throw away money.

* Rest of the old "mammy's" estate was left to Old Ship Church and four of her own grandchildren.

White Woman Wills Physician \$50,000

BOSTON—(ANP)—When the will of Miss Susan C. Shattuck, a member of the famous Shattuck family of Vermont state, was probated here last week, it was discovered that she had left the bulk of her estate said to approximate \$50,000 to a colored physician, Dr. Clarence A. Hays of 625 Columbus Ave. Miss Shattuck left her brother, Dr. George L. Shattucks of Providence, R. I. a wealthy and prominent physician of that city only \$100.

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SURPRISE CLAUSE

BALKS HER

NEW YORK—"Fats" Waller's widow, Edith, was cut off with only the minimum bequest required by law, it was disclosed in the will of the late and celebrated swing pianist, orchestra leader and versatile musician.

The will, dated less than two months before he died of bronchial influenza on a railroad train in Kansas City, left the bulk of the \$20,000 estate to Anita Ruthford, while adhering to law regarding his estranged wife's share. Filing of his will in probate disclosed that it was dated Oct. 23, 1943.

The minimum bequest to his widow was made "for reasons fully known to her," the will stated. It further revealed that Mrs. Waller lived in the Bronx while Anita Ruthford resided in Waller's Jamaica home. It was not disclosed whether there were any provisions made for his children. Waller's death ended one of the most brilliant theatrical careers. He was a favorite entertainer, and his jovial disposition endeared him to all those who heard him. Waller's death.

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Negro Publisher Named Receiver For Realty Firm

Special Circuit Judge John R. Moremen named I. Willis Cole, publisher of the Louisville Leader, weekly Negro newspaper, receiver of the Mammoth Realty Company, Negro concern with holdings of \$54,000, when he was told it had had no meetings in fifteen years and that all its officers were dead.

Cole is to find out who the 600 stockholders of the company are and call a meeting before a court commissioner August 23 so they may establish their identity.

The action was taken at the request of E. C. Kenner, 1927 Yale Drive, a stockholder, who said the concern was organized in 1919 "to promote business among Negroes in Louisville." Its assets consist of more than \$50,000 in real estate, some of it property on which rents are due, and \$4,000 in cash.

Half Million Left By Numbers King

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His wife, Mrs. Jean Jones, was willed \$10,000 cash and \$150,000 trust fund automobiles and jewelry. A nephew, Edward P. Jones, Jr., was bequeathed \$50,000 and the remainder of his estate goes to his mother, Mrs. Harriet Jones. The two brothers, George and "Ed", were named trustees.

Although the Jones boys accumulated their wealth since 1927, through the number rackets, in recent years they established several legitimate businesses which included a 5-10 cents store, a hotel, a bath house, cleaning establishments and a dairy chain.

Contested Will Of Negro Is Upheld

White men inter-marry more frequently than women, say

How the tempo of the racial "melting pot" is increasing in Hawaii is brought out in a report by the Bureau of Vital Statistics in that territory for the fiscal year of 1943-44, summarized by the Korean Nation Herald in Honolulu.

During that period 32 per cent of the 4,987 marriages were between persons of different racial backgrounds, compared with 22 per cent in 1939-40. Almost 50 per cent of the Caucasian men married women of other races, but only 9 per cent of the Caucasian women entered into mixed marriages.

Caucasian men married 371 part-Hawaiians, 189 Japanese, 77 Chinese, 65 Hawaiians, 51 Puerto Ricans, 48 Filipinos and 39 Koreans. Caucasian girls, when mar-

rying other than persons of their own race, married 39 part-Hawaiians, 28 Filipinos, 10 Japanese, 10 Puerto Ricans, 9 Hawaiians, 3 Chinese and 1 Korean.

The report points out that there were 1,500 Japanese brides and only 1,231 Japanese bridegrooms. Only 4 per cent of the Japanese boys married girls of other races, while 21 per cent of the Japanese girls married men from other races.

LEAVES ESTATE OF \$100,000

TO GIRL FRIEND

LOUISVILLE, Aug. 11 (ANP) — Miss Lottie Bush, his friend for almost a quarter of a century, was bequeathed the entire estate of more than \$100,000 by Joe Buford, well known pool room operator, who died here May 3, and whose will was probated Wednesday.

The will made on April 5, just one month before Buford's passing, held that Miss Bush deserved "all of his earthly goods because she has cared for and cheered me for more than 20 years."

The estate consisted in more than \$22,000 cash and the balance in real estate. The estimated \$109,000 value affixed on the estate is thought to be under the real value as Mr. Buford had money, deeds, diamonds, and other transactions in a number of banks and safety boxes.

Attorney Charles C. Anderson, Jr., was named administrator of the estate under a \$23,000 bond with the New York Casualty Co., acting as surety.

HARLEM HOTEL OWNER LEAVES \$50,000

NEW YORK, Aug. 24 (ANP) — An estate valued at \$50,000 was left by the late Ed Wilson, owner of the Hotel Olga, who died unexpectedly two weeks ago.

Mr. Wilson, 67 and a native of Pine Bluff, Ark., had been separated from his wife, Beatrice, for the past 15 years.

When the will was filed for probate Tuesday, lawyers representing the estate revealed

that Miss Beryl Currie, owner of the Hotel Currie, would share in the estate. Miss Currie's share was estimated at \$25,000. The hotelman, a brother of Dr. Wiley Wilson, came to New York in 1906 and opened his hotel a few years later.

Masons Purchase \$60,000 Headquarters



The above picture is the new Masonic activities.

Prince Hall Masonic headquarters, Louis Fair, Jr., is M. W. grand master and Sidonia M. Fray, R. W. grand secretary. The building is at 454 West 155th street, which was recently purchased at the cost of \$60,000. It will have its official opening on Labor Day. The masons moved into the William McKinley Temple last Saturday from their old home at 237 West 120th street. The new building is equipped with all modern conveniences, recreational facilities, reception rooms and quarters for va-

Apex Company Purchases Million-Dollar Hotel

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Hotel Brigantine, at Brigantine, N.J., a twelve-story structure (top view) of 250 rooms, which was purchased last week by the Apex Hair and News Company of Atlantic City. Below are the officers of the company. Left to right: Mme. Sara S. Washington, founder and president; Archie Morgan, vice-president and general manager; Mrs. William Gosnell, treasurer, and William Gosnell, legal advisor.

In the winter of 1942, a Father Divine Angel walked into Brigantine island and reportedly put down \$70,000 cash to purchase the hotel. At this time the owners were anxious to sell because they were losing on their investment made ten years before.

In complete resentment of the Divine acquisition of the hotel, many of the white residents pooled their interests and offered to buy the hotel back. Father Divine agreed to sell only if the residents would pay him \$500,000.

He asserted that he was not willing to sell, but if they simply wanted to have the hotel back that they could, for the value that it was worth to his followers and that was \$500,000.

Tried Jim Crow

Unable to swing this deal, the residents approached the situation in hope of jim-crowing the group from the island. The first step in this direction was to condemn and tear down the boardwalk adjacent to the hotel. Following this the municipality assessed the hotel at the amount of \$500,000 in hope that the increased taxes would drive the group out.

The Divine angels carried the case before the New Jersey tax board and virtually won a victory when the board ruled that the assessment should not be more than \$117,000. This issue currently ended when Father Divine leased the hotel to the government aiding the war effort.

Has Own Schools

Brigantine is a modern town with ideal paved roads and sidewalks, affords bus transportation, maintains its own schools, has three voting districts, elects its mayor and other city commissioners and its residents, until now completely white, run from a judge of the State court, a State health commissioner, to many of the wealthy rich.

There are taverns and nite clubs and a casino one-half mile at sea. Some swanky homes cost more than \$10,000 to build.

All of this promises to be left for the use of colored Americans because whites have already begun to vacate Brigantine. This action appears to be the final chapter in a long fight on racial equality which developed with the Father Divine purchase of the Hotel Brigantine.

83-Year Old Negro Educator Leaves Raleigh \$1,000 In Will

9-2-44

RALEIGH, N. C.—(ANP)—

Dr. Edward Johnson, 83, who died recently in New York City, named the city of Raleigh in his will for the sum of \$1,000, according to City Treasurer Robert C. Powell last week.

Dr. Johnson, born a slave at the Sylvester Smith mansion here, was a prominent educator, attorney and author. He owned considerable property in this city. At one time he was assistant district attorney here and a member of the board of aldermen.

The legacy was announced through the office of the city treasurer when he received a letter from Harry G. Bragg, New York City lawyer. The letter said that the money was left for the city with the treasurer as trustee and that the will is now filed at the surrogate's court awaiting probate.

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City Atty. Philip Busbee, now vacationing in New York City, was authorized by airmail letter by City Clerk J. E. Sawyer to act as representative of the city in the probate of the will.

"He will said of her brother, 'He does not need my help.'"

White Woman Leaves Estate To Boston Medic

Defender — Chicago, Ill.

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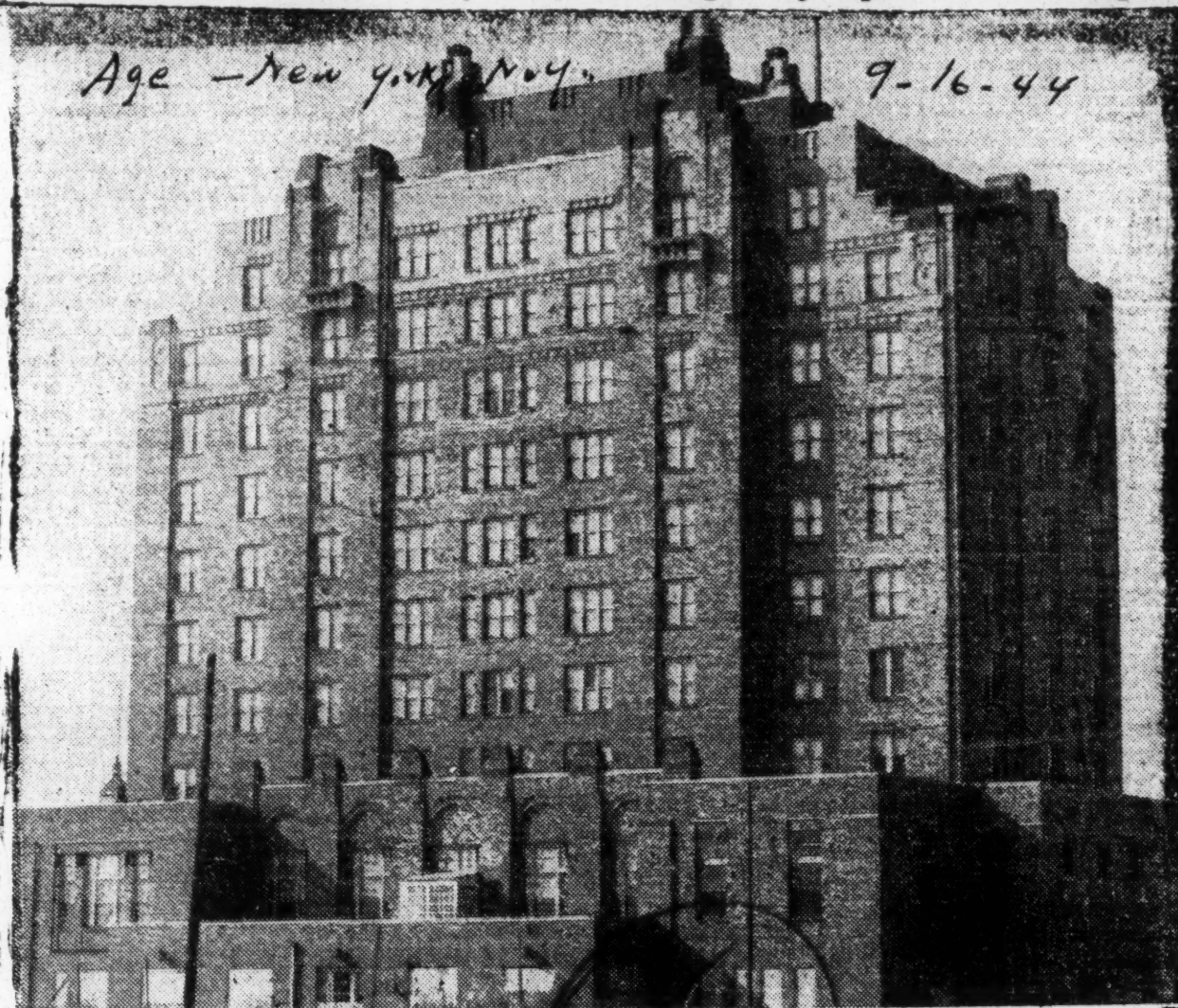
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Million-Dollar Atlantic City Hotel Bought By Apex Hair Company



Twelve-story brick and stone structure, consisting of 250 rooms, which was purchased by the Apex News and Hair Company, Inc., of which Mme. Sara Spencer Washington is founder and president. The structure, which will be operated as a first-class hostelry, is located in Brigantine, N. J., three miles from Atlantic City, and was bought from Father Divine and his followers who acquired the structure early in 1942 but who leased it to the United States government which is now using the structure as a Naval School for specialized training. In the lower photo are officers of the corporation which purchased

the building. Reading left to right: Mme. Sara S. Washington, founder and president; Archie Morgan, vice-president and general manager; Mrs. William Gosnell, treasurer, and Attorney William Gosnell, legal advisor.

Apex Company Buys Million-Dollar Atlantic City Hotel From Divine; 12-Story Structure Has 250 Rooms

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—One of the most stupendous cash real estate transactions to take place recently was the purchase of a million dollar Atlantic City Hotel by the Apex News and Hair Company, Inc., of which Madam Sara Spencer Washington is founder and president. The hotel, a stately twelve story brick and stone structure consisting of 250 rooms, each with a telephone and private bath, is located in the exclusive environs of Brigantine, New Jersey, three miles from Atlantic City. It has its own private ocean beach and a \$50,000 casino built 500 feet from the shore out over the ocean, a fine fishing and boating pier and eight regulation tennis courts.

The hotel was purchased last week from Father Divine and his followers, who had acquired the structure early in 1942. Father Divine operated the hotel as a Peacetime Mission until about eighteen months ago at which time he leased it to the United States Government who is now using the structure for specialized training. The structure has twelve stories with two passenger elevators. The main floor has a modernistic cock-vine operated bar and spacious lounge. There is also a coffee shop with its individual kitchen, a four chair barber shop and a complete beauty salon.

It is said that the Navy has spent approximately \$75,000 in maintenance improvements and it is reported that the building and its surroundings offer some of the most comfortable and unique recreational facilities to be found along the Atlantic Seaboard. Father Divine is said to have held the hotel only because he has found another more appropriate place in New Jersey to carry on his church work.

First Class Hotel

The purchase of this magnificent

Wins \$62,500 For Accident

BIRMINGHAM — (ANP) — Damages totaling \$62,500 for personal injury were awarded Wednesday to Private Jesse Lewis of Dallas, by a jury in Judge Whit Windham's court, believed to be the highest sum ever accorded a Negro in Alabama by a district court.

Lewis was injured while on furlough from Greenville, S. C., at the time of his accident, which occurred when a Greyhound bus on which he

was a passenger collided with an A. B. and C. train on September 8, 1943. His injuries resulted in amputation of his right leg. His counsel, Atty. Clifford Edmond, told the jury that Lewis had been confined to a government hospital since the accident.

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Dr. Thompkins Afro American Left \$23,000

Baltimore, Md.
Estate Consists Chiefly
of Insurance

WIFE BENEFICIARY

Secretary Is Given
Check for \$500

WASHINGTON

Dr. William J. Thompkins, recorder of deeds in the District of Columbia, who died August 4, left an estate valued at approximately \$23,500, composed mainly of two \$10,000 life insurance policies, the bulk of the money going to his widow.

Other bequests include \$5,000 each to his two daughters and his granddaughter in three trust funds, all bequeathed to the widow, Mrs. Jessie F. Thompkins; \$50 each to Sara, Inez and Iantha Ramsey, and \$150 to Anna Freeman for dental work he had promised her.

Mrs. Bettye B. La Rue, secretary to the late recorder for ten years, although not named in the will, received \$500 in a personal gift by check, she told AFRO reporters.

Strings to Trust Fund

Under terms of the trust fund created in behalf of his daughter, Mrs. Helen T. Simmons, who is to receive \$80 a month until principal and interest are exhausted, should she attempt to assign mortgage or transfer her interest in any installment not due, the bequest becomes null and void, the fund reverting to her mother.

The trust fund created for the other daughter, Marian, 16, is designed to provide for her education, and the similar sum for the granddaughter, Barbara, daughter

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of Mrs. Simmons, is for a like purpose, preferably her higher education.

Conditional Bequest

Also bequeathed to Mrs. Thompkins, whom he named as executrix and who will serve as trustee, was any inheritance which may be due him from the estate of his sister, now being administered in California.

The widow is to use this inheritance, if any, for the erection of a memorial arched doorway to the Stovall Tuberculosis Hospital in Los Angeles in memory of his sister.

All Real Estate to Widow

In the will, dated April 23, Dr. Thompkins stated that he had made adequate provisions for his widow by naming her the beneficiary in an insurance policy and transferring all the real estate he has acquired either to her individually or to their names as joint tenants.

He left her, however, the residue of the estate, amounting to approximately \$3,970.

In addition to the life insurance policies, according to the petitioner for probate of the will, the estate includes retirement deductions totaling \$2,500, unpaid salary, \$80 and a Lincoln automobile valued at \$1,000.

His debts, totaling -1,529.66 were listed as follows: Income tax -266.59; hospital bill, \$424.27; insurance, \$133.80, and funeral expenses, \$745.

Leaves An Estate Valued at \$100,000

Attorney Edward Johnson, who died recently at the age of 83, left an estate valued at \$100,000, the Amsterdam News learned this week. As Harry G. Bragg, attorney for the Johnson estate, prepared final papers involving the veteran Harlem lawyer's will.

Mr. Bragg declined to comment further, except to deny that the city of Raleigh, N. C., was included in the will.

It had been reported by the Associated Negro Press (ANP) that City Treasurer Robert C. Powell, of Raleigh, had told reporters that New York's first Negro Assemblyman had allotted \$1000 to the city where he was born a slave.

Actually, Mr. Bragg said Tuesday, the money referred to was left for the First Congregational Church of Raleigh and Shaw University, one of the southern city's leading educational institutions.

Details of the will are expected to be made public Friday when it is filed in Surrogate's Court. It is understood, however, that the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is included in the will.

McCrorey Estate

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Provision for a trust fund for Johnson C. Smith University to carry on children's community club, which she began ten years ago, was contained in the will of Mrs. Mary J. McCrorey, late wife of the president of the school.

Others to share in the estate of Mrs. McCrorey, who lost her life in a fire which destroyed the McCrorey home on January 13, are her sister, Mrs. J. J. Harris, and a niece, Mrs. Georgia B. Gilbert, both of Athens, Ga.

Husband Executor

Mrs. Harris receives a house and lot in Athens and 50 per cent of the net value of the personal property. Mrs. Gilbert receives a house and lot in Augusta, Ga., and 12½ per cent of the net value of the personal property.

The school receives a house and lot in Charlotte and 37½ per cent of the net value of the personal property which will constitute the trust fund. Her husband, Dr. H. L. McCrorey, was made executor of the will.

Mack Jones' Will Disposes Of Half Million Dollars

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